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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CHATHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN ADOPT TAX RELIEF MEASURES**

On Monday, April 13, 2020 the Chatham Board of Selectmen voted to adopt Chapter 53, Section 11 of the Special Acts of 2020 signed by Governor Baker on April 3, 2020 which provides relief to property owners by extending the due dates of water, sewer, excise and property tax bill which had a due date on or after March 10, 2020. Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills are now due to June 1, 2020 and water, sewer, and excise taxes are now due on June 30, 2020.

This extended date and waiver of fees and interest associated with this action applies to the following bills issued by the Town of Chatham:

Second Half Real Estate tax bills issued March 23, 2020, originally due May 1, 2020;  
Personal property tax bills issued March 23, 2020, originally due May 1, 2020;  
Motor Vehicle Excise tax bills issued February 10, 2020, originally due March 11, 2020;  
Motor Vehicle Excise tax demands issued March 31, 2020, originally due April 14, 2020;  
Motor Vehicle Excise tax bills issued April 8, 2020, originally due May 8, 2020;  
Water & Sewer bills issued March 3, 2020, originally due April 2, 2020; and  
Water & Sewer bills issued April 8, 2020, originally due May 8, 2020.

The Treasurer/Tax Collector's office encourages the public utilize online payment options and submissions via US Mail. Cash payments are not being accepted at this time to reduce exposure between Town staff and the public.

Recognizing the financial impact the public health emergency is having on residents and property owners, the Town is encouraging the public review resources available to community members and businesses listed on the Town's COVID-19 dedicated webpage <https://www.chatham-ma.gov/home/pages/covid-19-coronavirus-information> and to proactively reach out to the Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office to discuss implementing a payment plan.

Town officials urge everyone to limit exposure to others, maintain 6 ft social distancing, perform frequent handwashing, practice proper respiratory etiquette, and wear a face-covering when in public and social distancing is hard to maintain (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>) to limit the spread of the virus.

Any person who is experiencing symptoms such as a fever, and cough or difficulty breathing is encouraged to self-isolate and call your healthcare provider for medical advice. High risk individuals, including older adults, those with underlying medical conditions (heart or lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, weakened immune system, anyone who is pregnant), are urged to avoid others to the greatest extent possible.

Further information on COVID-19 and the Town's response is available at: <https://www.chatham-ma.gov/home/pages/covid-19-coronavirus-information>.

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